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SUBJ: CODEL MC GOVERN

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1. CHARGE USED CALL ON FREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN ON DECEMBER 23 REGARDING ANOTHER SUBJECT TO INFORM BDG OF JANUARY 11-13 VISIT OF SENATOR MC GOVERN AND PARTY. AFTER TELLING CHARGE THAT BDG IS ANXIOUS TO OFFER WHAT-EVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN TO INSURE THAT SENATOR MC GOVERN HAS A FRUITFUL VISIT, FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT BDG'S PLANNING WOULD BE SPEEDED IF IT KNEW:

- (A) KINDS OF PROGRAMS WHICH MIGHT BE SOUGHT FROM OR ARRANGED BY GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN, AND
- (B) LEVEL AT WHICH CALLS WILL BE MADE IN ISLAMABAD AND NEW DELHI.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IS PROMPTED BY A DESIRE ON PART OF BDG TO APPEAR TO BE AS EVEN-HANDED AS POSSIBLE. IT WANTS, AS HE SAID, TO DO "NO LESS AND NO MORE" THAN INDIA AND PAKISTAN. WE CONCLUDE THAT THE BDG WISHES TO AVOID BEING THOUGHT TO BE CATERING UNDULY TO THE UNITED STATES AT THIS TIME, A VIEW WHICH WE SUSPECT RESULTS FROM THE ANNOYANCE DISPLAYED BY THE INDIANS DURING THE SATTAR VISIT OVER THE SUCCESS BY BANGLADESH IN ENLISTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE RECENT PERIOD OF TENSION.

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3. IT IS OUR VIEW FOREIGN SECRETARY'S POSITION
IS THE RIGHT ONE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ISLAMABAD
AND NEW DELHI'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD.
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